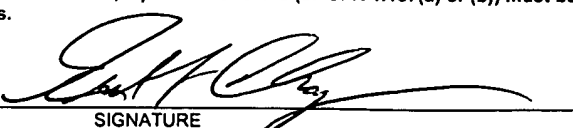


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>CUSTOMER NO. 22,852</b>  <b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> <b>04632.0074</b>  <b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10/591166</b> (see 37 CFR 1.5)
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> <b>PCT/JP2004/018897</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> <b>December 17, 2004</b>	<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> <b>March 18, 2004</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING AN UPPER AND A LOWER MOLD HAVING NO FLASK (AS AMENDED)</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> Minoru HIRATA and Takayuki KOMIYAMA		
Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A Substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of cover page of International Publication No. <b>WO 2005/089983 A1</b></li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.</li> <li>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of English translation of the International Search Report from the Japanese Patent Office.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

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The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO Use Only
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)): .....\$300.00				\$ 300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37CFR 1.492(c))					
If the Written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0					
All other situations.....\$200				\$ 200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))					
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100					
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400					
All other situations.....\$500				\$ 400.00	
TOTAL of 21, 22 and 23 =				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
53			x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	17		x \$50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	2		x \$200.00		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+\$360.00	\$360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1260.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1260.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1260.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1300.00	
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<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
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